A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

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AND why ſhould we not chooſe *Tories* to repreſent us, was the ſecond Query which I propos'd to ſpeak to in the preſent Caſe? What are theſe Sort of People you are pleas'd to give this Name to? They are Chriſtians we hope, Proteſtants, *Engliſh* Men, they have Eſtates to loſe, and Poſterity to take care of, and Families to think of, as well as other People? Pray why muſt we not chooſe theſe Gentlemen you call *High-Flyers*?

I could anſwer this by giving a Character of a *High-Flyer*; I could dreſs him up *a-la Saxamouch*, put the Cap upon his Head, and paint the Devil upon it to make him look frightful, and ſo expoſe him in his Native Follies, his Party-Madneſs, his Bottle Extravagancies; I could conſider him in his Anti Union, Oath-forgetting, Church-betraying, Queen-inſulting Capacities; I could lay open his Memorial, his Occaſional Bill, his Tacking, his Party-making Abſurdities; I could enter upon his publick and his private Deliriums, his Cabinet, his Convocation, his Parliamentary Frenzy; and really it is hard to refrain from ſo flagrant a Character.

But I ſhall tell you a little of the Men in a more ſerious View of their paſt and preſent Conduct, which in its Nature ought to rouze up this Nation, from ſo much as a Dream of bringing in that horrid Generation upon us again.

Shall I addreſs my ſelf to you then, Gentlemen, who pretend to be Loyal to the Government, Steady to the Revolution,

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Clear in the Succeſſion; in ſhort, you that have taken the Abjuration, for it would be a horrid Suggeſtion, and a Man ought almoſt to be hang'd, that ſhould think any that has done ſo can but be true to the Succeſſion; in your Inquiry about *Tories* and *High-Flyers*, whom you call Chriſtians and Proteſtants, will you conſider.

If you would have the Revolution damn'd for a curſed Rebellion; the Name of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, *which are valuable and dear to all honeſt Men*, periſh from the Earth, and their Memory be loaded with Infamy and Reproach.

If you will allow the Setting King *William* and Queen *Mary* upon the Throne of *BRITAIN* was a Compleat National Perjury in them, an unnatural Uſurpation, the worſt Sort of Parricide, and in this Nation a hardned Defiance of the Laws of God, Nature and Government, a Sin that ſhall never be forgotten here, or forgiven hereafter.

If you will have a Sanction put upon all the Tyranny and illegal Practices of the two Anti-Revolution Reigns; if you will juſtifie the Popiſh Practices to pull down the Church, and the Court Practices to pull down the Laws, and make all the Oppreſſions of that Time lawful.

If you will take upon you all the Guilt of the Blood ſpilt by King *James* in both theſe Kingdoms, and of all the Rapine and Violence committed upon the Eſtates of theſe free People; if you will be content to have 178 murther'd Innocents, whoſe Quarter'd Limbs lie now in one Grave in a Church-Yard in *Edinburgh*, executed by the Hand of the Hangman, for Things Nations ought to bluſh at the Thoughts of; ſome for Treaſons they never knew of, ſome for Trifles incredible, ſome for refuſing to declare their Opinion of other Men's Crimes, and ſome for ſcarcely a Pretence of Crime, with about 6000 others baniſh'd and murther'd in *Scotland* at ſundry Times on the ſame Account.

If you will take upon you the Guilt of all the Blood-ſhed in this terrible War, ſtill carrying on, which, *we ſay*, is for Liberty, and which *this Tory Party would end*, before that Liberty is obtain'd——— O chooſe *Tories*, *Gentlemen*, chooſe *High-Flyers*, theſe are the Men, who in their Practice manifeſtly lead you to the Neceſſity of all this, and in chooſing whom, it is plain, you muſt come to every one of theſe Things, as Principles which all your Actings muſt reſt upon———

Again, Gentlemen, you that are ſo fond of your *High-Flying* Chriſtians.

IF you would renew our Occaſional-Bill, repeal the Toleration, and reſtore Perſecution in theſe Nations; if you would hang out the bloody Flag againſt *Diſſenters*, and have the Power put again into the Hand of a Party to ruin, plunder and impoveriſh their Neighbours, becauſe they won't go to Heaven their Way, tho' they cannot deny they are as much in the true Road thither as themſelves.

IF you would *renew the War of Parties*, not yet ſufficiently ceaſed, revive the Flame of Contention not yet half extinguiſh'd; if you would return to *Coventry* Tumults, and are willing to ſee the honeſt Citizens and Inhabitants of your Towns fighting and knocking one another on the Head in the Streets. O Gentlemen, do but chooſe a *High Flying* Parliament, do but chooſe a *Tory* Parliament, it will be done preſently.

IF you would give a Sanction to the Church-Memorial, prove the Biſhops plotting to ſet up *Presbytery*, in order to advance themſelves from their Lordſhip and Dignity to Calviniſtical Parity, and in order to enrich themſelves by giving up their large Revenues, take Poſſeſſion of Parochial Stipends, to the Tune of 100 *l. per Annum*, and downward.

IF you would unſettle the Succeſſion, and recognize the Right of King *James* III. *Jure Divino*, only allowing the Queen to poſſeſs the Crown during Life, *and take care that be not over long too*, making her Majeſty accept of the Poſſeſſion by Conceſſion of a Pretender, and acknowledge the Settlement a Parliamentary Uſurpation, and an Invaſion of Right.

IF you would break the Union as a Court Combination forced upon the Nations

ons againſt their Conſent, fatal to the Church, and particular to what we call High-Church, or that which would be the Church Rampant, and as an eternal Bar to the Reſtoration of Jacobitiſm and Tyranny.

IF you would make a Peace with *France*, *Higle de Pigle*, as they call it, on *French* Terms, with or without Safety, or Honour, or Conditions, with or without Allies, as if ye were in a Condition to be forced to it.

IF you would retard Supplies, embarraſs the Government, ſtagnate the Circulation of Treaſure, ſink Credit, and ruin the Funds on which the Nation depends, in which all our Families are embark'd, and on the Payment of which many depend for Bread.

IF you will put us all into Confuſion, Party riſing up againſt Party, and Family againſt Family, and aſſiſt the Animoſities of an exaſperated Kind of Men, to the Deſtruction of our Peace, the Interruption of Neighbourhood and Society, and make this flouriſhing Nation the Seat of all Manner of Confuſions. ——

In ſhort, IF you will bring back the *French*, land them ſafe in *Scotland*, call down a Flood of *Highlanders* and *Northern Jacobites* to joyn them, commence again the old *Northern* Depredations upon *England*, expoſe your honeſt Brethren in *Scotland*, who have lately appear'd ſo vigorous and hearty for the Government to all Manner of Deſolation, and make your native Country the Seat of War, a Field of Blood, or a new *Aceldama*.

If theſe Proſpects are ſuitable to you, Gentlemen, if your Deſigns lie this Way, then CHOOSE TORIES and *High-Flyers*, and ſend them up to the Houſe, that by their mad precipitant Follies they may truly repreſent your own.

But after all, ſays the Enquirer, this is begging the Queſtion; for how does it appear, that the *Tories* and *High-Flyers* will do all this, that they have ſuch ill Deſigns, or that their Actions tend to it?

Blind and ſtupid Generation! Do you want Demonſtrations of this? Is this a thing that wants to be made out? Has not the whole Series of their Actions demonſtrated that this is their Meaning? Are ye at a Loſs to ſee this in their conſtant Practice in their Behaviour, both in publick and private, both with the Government, with themſelves, and with their Neighbours? Have not their bloody Flags, their Regalia's and Pontificates, their High-Church Memorials, their *Rehearſals*, their Aſſize Sermons, been always full of this?

Does not their Practice, their Converſation, their Projects, as a Body, or as ſingle Men, always make it plain, that this is their real Scheme? How can it be any longer doubtful, but that the preſent Party, whom we call *Tory* or *High-Flyer*, do directly or conſequentially in all their Actings drive at Things fatal to the Glory, Intereſt and Safety of this Kingdom; to the Peace, Happineſs and Proſperity of the People; to the Defence and Preſervation of the Crown, the Religion, and the Union of the whole Iſland —— But ſince they would pretend, that it remains a little doubtful as to Proof; I ſhall enquire ſtill farther about it in my next.

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THE famous GOUT ANTIDOTE, that by Bathing only has lately cured ſo many Perſons afflicted with the moſt violent Raging Pains of the Gout and Rheumatiſm, reſtoring them to Compleat and perfect Eaſe to a miracle, (as will be atteſted at Mr. Allcrafts, one of the Places of Sale) and that hath been experienc'd by thouſands who have been cured by it, to be the only Remedy capable to give preſent Relief in the utmoſt Extremity, or almoſt diſtracting Torturing Pains of the Gout and Rheumatiſm, when all other means have been uſed in vain: It moſt infallibly takes away all manner of Pain in leſs than half an Hours time to admiration; and not only takes off a Fit for the preſent, but alſo prevents it returning again, and moſt certainly keeps the Gout from the Stomach. Is Sold only at Mr. Allcraft's a Toy-Shop, at the Blue-Coat Boy againſt the Royal Exchange in Cornhill, and at Mr. Brook's, Stationer, at the Ship near the May-Pole in the Strand, at 3 s. 6 d. a Bottle with Directions.

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ALL thoſe, who have Debts due from King *William*, King *James*, and King *Charles*, ſince the Reſtauration, for which no Proviſion hath been hitherto made by the Government, are deſir'd to meet at the *Star Coffee-houſe* in *Downing Street* near *Whitehall*, any *Tueſday* or *Fryday* in the Afternoon; where Preparation is made for Propoſals to the enſuing Parliament, of ſuch Funds as will no way Clogg her Majeſty's Revenues nor burthen the Subject by any Tax; but will on the Contrary be very grateful to her moſt Sacred Majeſty; And it is hoped, that what is deſign'd to be offer'd will be ſatisfactory to the Parliament. It is therefore expedient, that the Parties concern'd do aſcertain their Accounts, in the Proper Offices, that the Amountant may be abſtracted, to be laid before the Parliament, who will be fully ſatisfied both of the Quantity and Quality, before they make any Proceedings. To the end therefor, the at all Matters may be in Readineſs, this Meeting is appointed, that nothing might be tranſacted but with general Approbation and Conſent. And whereas ſeveral of the Perſons concern'd have met, they do thankfully declare their entire Satisfaction in the Care that is taken by the Government, for the Debts of King *William* (of Bleſſed Memory) and are contented, that, if they are not otherways provided for, King *William's* Debts may take the firſt place in theſe Funds; and the Debts all along that were laſt contracted may be firſt paid, and the firſt laſt.

But whereas ſome unconcern'd Perſons may make Objections againſt us, that it is an unfit time to propoſe to pay old Debts in the midſt of ſuch an expenſive War; it is anſwer'd, that this is not propos'd any other way, but without clogging her Majeſty's Revenues, or taxing the Subject; and if theſe Debts can be thus paid, and a great many diſtreſſed People reliev'd, it will be for the Glory of her Sacred Majeſty to pay the Debts of three Reigns in the midſt of ſuch a chargeable War, and it will bring Credit to the Nation, and make us formidable to our Enemies, who cannot buy Bread for their Soldiers, when we pay old Debts.

And that we may find Favour with the Parliament, we ſhall alſo provide a good Fund for the War that ſhall amount to twice as much as theſe Debts, over and above our own Funds.

BARTLETT's Inventions for the Cure of Ruptures, which have gain'd So Univerſal Eſteem, are now, yet farther Improv'd to ſo great a Nicety, that one of his Steel Spring Truſſes of the largeſt Size, ſeldom Exceeds 4 ounces in Weight, and one of the ſmalleſt rarely exceeds a quarter of an Ounce, and are ſo well adapted to the ſhapes of human Bodies, that they are extraordinary eaſy even to Infants of a Day Old, and Intirely keep up the Ruptures of what Bigneſs ſoever. Alſo divers Inſtruments to help the Weak and Crooked. By P. Bartlet at the Golden Ball by the Ship Tavern in Preſcot Street in Goodmans Fields, London.

NOTE, He forges and finiſhes his Truſſes himſelf, by which means he daily Improves his Inventions.

I *Thomas Pritchard*, at the *Saracens-Head* in *Little Carter Lane*, near St. *Paul's*, *London*, having a Son who had a very bad Rupture, and applying to Mr. *Bartlett*, at the *Golden Ball* in *Preſcot-ſtreet* in *Goodman's-Fields*, *London*, He perform'd the Cure in four Days to my great Surprize, and my Son has remain'd well ever ſince.

This is to give Notice, that I *Richard Baker*, of *Lawrence-Poltneys Lane*, *Cannonſtreet*, *London*, having had a Rupture for about fifty Years; at laſt I apply'd my ſelf to the late Mr. *Chriſtopher Bartlett*, at the *Golden Ball* by the Tavern in *Preſcot-ſtreet* in *Goodman's-Fields*; who, by his ingenious Invention of Spring-Truſſes and Rupture Spirits, with the Bleſſing of GOD, made a perfect Cure in about eight Months, and I have been perfectly well ever ſince, which is about four or five Years.

NOTE, His Son *P. Bartlett* lives at the ſame Place as above-mention'd, and carries on the ſame Buſineſs, as his Father did; having been by him thoroughly Inſtructed therein.